



**SPRINGBANK SCHOOL**



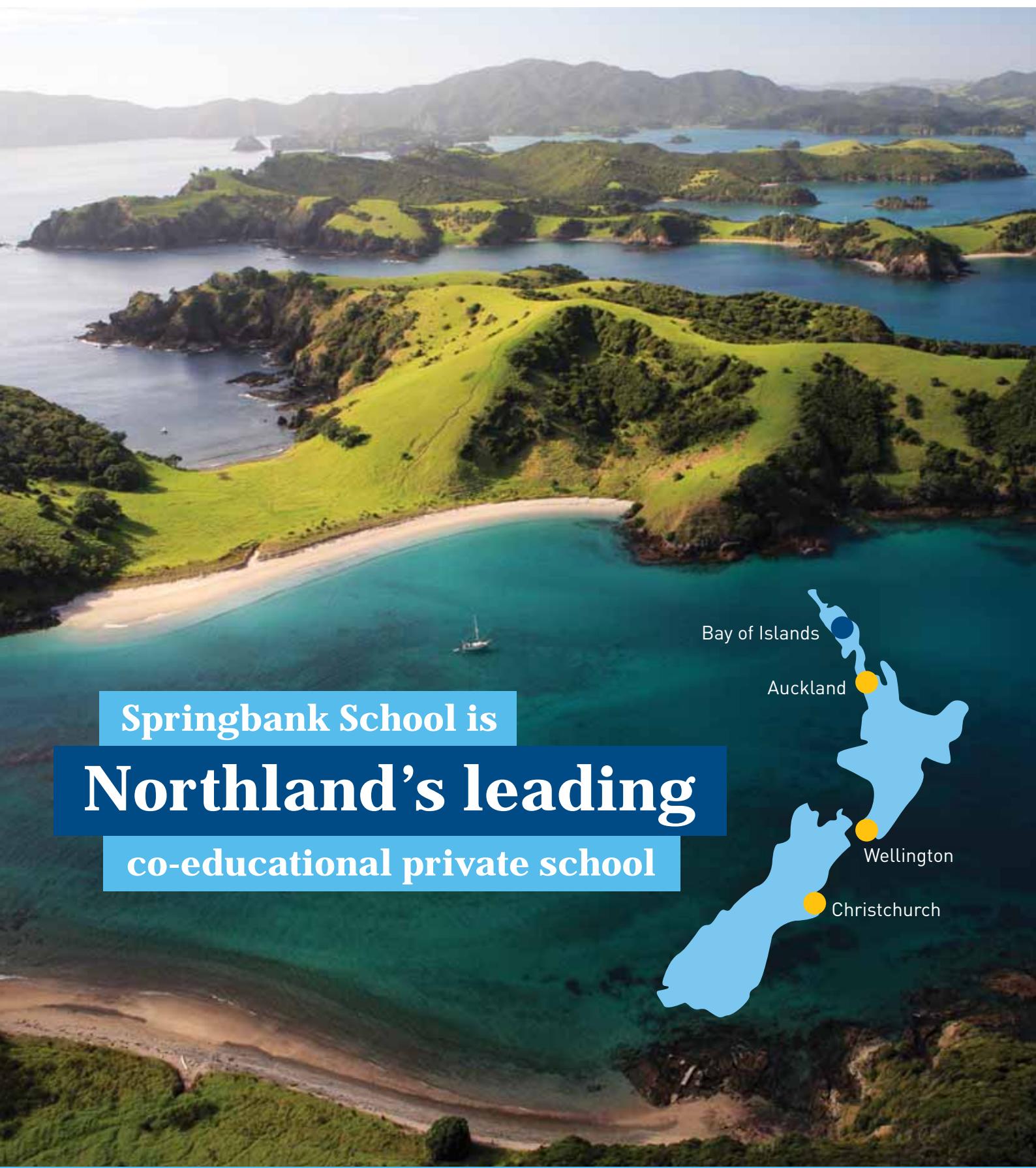
**International  
Student Prospectus**



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Springbank School is

**Northland's leading**

**co-educational private school**



Our School

# Our School

Springbank School is Northland's leading co-educational private school. Our school has 200 students and caters for students from Year 1 to Year 13.

## Why choose Springbank?

- ❖ **Our Location:** We live in one of the most beautiful regions of New Zealand
- ❖ **Our Size:** Our small school is like one big family, which means you get to know everyone
- ❖ **Our Learning Environment:** Our students achieve excellent academic success and are very supportive of each other

Springbank School is an excellent choice for students wanting a true Kiwi experience. Our school is located away from the big cities. We are a very friendly school where you can excel in your studies and also experience a range of exciting outdoor activities in a beautiful place.



## 'True Kiwi Experience'



# Our Location

## An experience outside of the city

Springbank School is located on a peaceful setting on 14ha of rural land. Although Kerikeri is a small town (approximately 10,000 people in our wider area), it has a full range of amenities such as medical facilities, department stores, cinemas, restaurants and sports grounds.

## Kerikeri - The Birthplace of New Zealand

Although New Zealand is one of the youngest countries on earth, the Bay of Islands is still a very historical place. The pioneering European Missionaries founded Kerikeri in the early 1800s, and it was here that the treaty between the British Government and the Maori people was signed in 1840. Kerikeri is famous for having the oldest stone and wooden buildings still standing in New Zealand.

## An experience *outside of the city*



## Our Location

### **Bay of Islands – A tourist hotspot**

Kerikeri and the Bay of Islands is one of New Zealand's most beautiful regions. We live in a warm, sub-tropical climate with spectacular scenery and friendly people. A large number of tourists spend their vacation in Kerikeri every year and our people are very welcoming and hospitable to international visitors.

### **Exciting experiences every day**

Our region offers a large range of activities such as sailing, surfing, diving, fishing, golf, horse riding and much more. Our school offers an exciting variety of experiences through our Outdoor Education programme and fun weekend excursions.



*We live in a warm  
sub-tropical climate*





*Springbank School is*

**‘One Big Family’**



# Our Size

## Springbank is one big family

With just 200 students, our school is smaller than most other schools. We have much smaller classes where teachers treat you like an individual and spend quality time with you throughout the day.

## International students are very special at Springbank

In our smaller school, everyone will know your name and say hello. We treat international students as special and unique and our students love to learn more about you and where you are from.

## Safe and caring atmosphere

Our staff, students and parents look out for you and are always willing to help you out. Our school has a zero tolerance to bullying, smoking or drugs, and all students are highly supportive and caring toward each other.



# ‘Safe & Caring’





*Springbank School is*

**nationally recognised**

*for academic success*



# Our Learning Environment

## Cambridge International Curriculum

Springbank follows the International Cambridge Curriculum. This is an internationally recognised programme that is attractive to students wishing to pursue tertiary study in New Zealand or around the world.

## Strong academic success

Springbank is nationally recognised for our academic success and we have recently had two students achieve the highest mark in New Zealand for their Cambridge exams (ICT, English Language, German, and French).



**Highest Mark in New Zealand**





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**as an individual**



 Our Learning Environment

# Our Learning Environment

## Large range of extra-curricular experiences

Springbank has a unique extra-curricular focus on outdoor education, enterprise and community. Our students are regularly involved in a variety of outdoor activities, enterprise initiatives and community projects. In conjunction with local clubs we offer students special tuition for:

- Horse Riding
- Tennis
- Golf
- Sailing

## Every student is treated as an individual

All staff and students are very positive, supportive and friendly toward one another. Our school has no uniform and students are encouraged to follow their own passions and interests throughout their education.



*Large range of extra-curricular  
activities*



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*Springbank School is*

**Discovering new**

*adventures*



**Our Diving Academy**

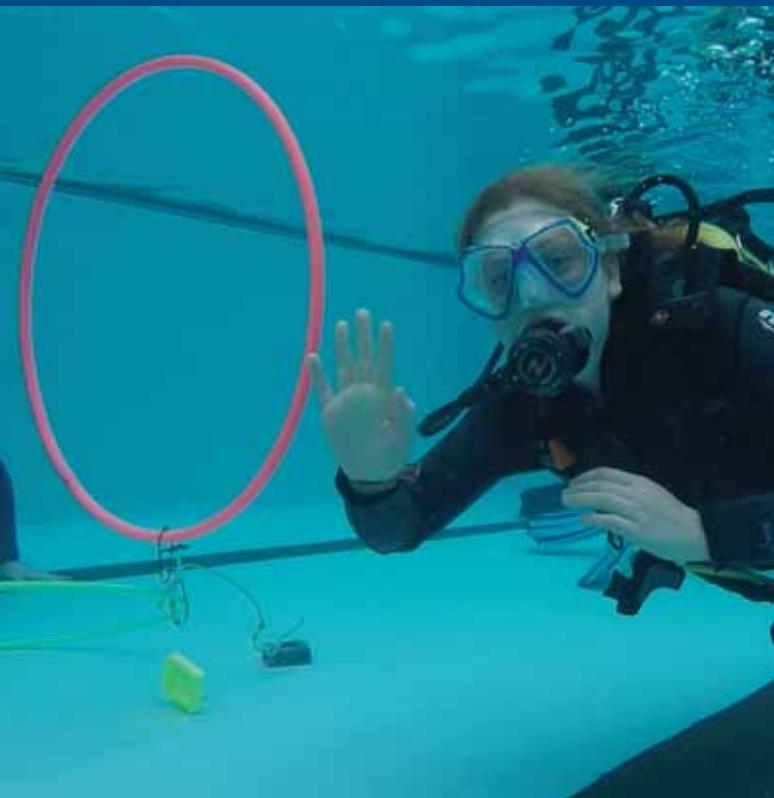
# Our Diving Academy

If you have always wanted to learn how to scuba dive, discover new adventures, or simply see the wondrous world beneath the waves, then get ready to jump right in!

Springbank's Dive Academy enables students to gain various levels of certification with the PADI Open Water dive courses. Students will discover the Bay of Islands where the water is sub-tropical, the marine life fascinating, and world-class shipwrecks wait to be explored with great under-water visibility. Jacques Cousteau described the nearby Poor Knights Islands as being one of the top ten dive sites in the world.



## PADI open water dive courses



Under the expert guidance of qualified PADI diving instructors, our students learn to develop the practical skills and knowledge they require to safely enjoy scuba diving anywhere in the world, and potentially seek a career in marine related industries.

Our students follow the internationally recognised PADI Open Water courses, and depending on the competence level they wish to acquire, our students are able to qualify as highly skilled divers.

Practical work begins in the swimming pool, progressing very quickly to shore dives and boat dives.

Students will also be given the opportunity to train in search and recovery diving, night diving, fish identification, deep diving, wreck diving, and underwater photography.



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*Springbank School is*

**fun & educational**



Our Surfing Academy

# Our Surfing Academy

If all you have ever wanted to do is surf, then this is where you need to learn, as our region offers some of New Zealand's best waves, from the longest lefthander in the country to some of the most remote and isolated beaches you will ever experience. As we are the most northern region in New Zealand, our water temperatures are welcoming for the majority of the year!

Our Surfing Academy is a fun and educational ocean based programme that promotes water and beach safety awareness including ocean conditions, tides, currents and wave knowledge.

Your water and surfing confidence will improve through experiencing the enjoyment of learning

to surf with a positive and supportive learning environment. Our programme combines theory and practical instruction, with land and water based activities from an absolute beginner, through to intermediate level surfers.

A Surfing New Zealand qualified instructor will provide expert advice and instruction, and will help you perfect those surfing manoeuvres you have always dreamed of performing!

They will also motivate you and help to make you feel safe in the water whilst you learn the basics including surfboard knowledge, correct positioning, paddling into waves, stand up techniques, riding the white water, surf etiquette and safety.

***In Springbank's Surfing Academy there are **five levels** to complete. Your Surf Coach will provide you with a certificate once you have completed all five levels.***

**Level 1** – Catching Waves – learn the basics right and you are set for the ride of your life.

**Level 2** – Up and Riding the Waves standing

**Level 3** – Improve your Techniques and learn to smoothly, pop up, steer and trim

**Level 4** – Unbroken Waves and Introduction to Hard Boards with super smooth take offs straight to feet, bottom and top turns in the trim

**Level 5** – Advanced Techniques with good wave selection, board skills combined with a solid knowledge of safety and surfing that will lead you to the completion of our Surfer Programme.





*Springbank School is*

**exploration**



 Our Outdoor Adventure Course

# Our Outdoor Adventure Course

We are so incredibly fortunate to be living in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, which is a hotspot for outdoor adventure activities. Springbank's Outdoor Adventure programme is a fantastic opportunity for senior students to experience a range of outdoor pursuits activities that build confidence, leadership, resilience, and long-lasting friendships.

Outdoor Adventure is designed to train and equip our students as explorers, protectors and adventurers of their world.

Students will emerge confident in a multitude of outdoor environments and situations, and they will take away practical survival skills whilst they have an absolute blast in the process. Fingernails will get dirty!



***Our Outdoor Adventure course is a formal class subject for all Year 10 to 13 students at Springbank School.***



**Activities include a combination of the following:**

- Surfing
- Scuba Diving
- Water Confidence / Ocean Swimming and Rescue Techniques
- Hiking / Tramping
- Waka Ama (Outrigger Canoeing)
- Kayaking
- Sailing
- Camp / Bush Craft
- Rock Wall Climbing
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding

All fitness levels are accepted, although do be prepared for physical activities like tramping, climbing, and water sports.



*new experiences*

every day



Our Student Support

# Our Student Support

## Special care for international students

Our small school allows us to provide special care for a select number of international students. Our international student director is in charge of all enquiries and oversees the pastoral care for each student.

## Safe and caring Homestay families

Springbank ensures each student is provided with a suitable homestay family. Our homestay families

are kind, caring and committed to providing a great kiwi experience to our students through a number of afterschool/ weekend excursions and activities.

## ESOL language support

We have specialist English Language teachers to support students who require help with their English.



*we provide special care for*

**international students**

*Jill Grimshaw / International Student Director*



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